



No. 79

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Elhard, D'Autremont, Wall, Draude, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Stewart, McMorris, Eagles, Gantefer, Harpauer, Cheveldayoff, Kerpan and Hart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 14(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to implement a strategy that will deal with crystal methamphetamine education, prevention, enforcement and treatment.

(Sessional Paper No. 720)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reconsider the decision to reduce funding to the Claybank Brick Plant.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 180)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reverse the decision to force the amalgamation of school divisions in Saskatchewan and continue re-organization of school divisions on a strictly voluntary basis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 637)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide the funding required for additional residential spaces for Swift Current residents with lifelong disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 715)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to implement an allocation of financial resources to build an elementary school in Arbor Creek.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 716)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to fulfill their commitment to the people of Humboldt and area and provide the funding necessary for a new hospital in Humboldt.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 718)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 908, it was answered. (See Appendix)

TABLING OF ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

The Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen delivered a message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor which was read by the Speaker as follows:

March 23, 2005

The Lieutenant Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006 and Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the twelve months ending March 31, 2005, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

LYNDA M. HAVERSTOCK
Lieutenant Governor

(Sessional Paper No. 721)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That Her Honour's Message, the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

BUDGET MOTION

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Hagel:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Cheveldayoff, adjourned.

MOTION TO RESUME BUDGET DEBATE

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That debate on the motion “That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government” be resumed on Thursday, March 24, 2005.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:29 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 908, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) What was the cost of the TransGas cavern projects located at Landis and near Melville, which were sold in 1997 to Canadian Crude Separators and Plains Environmental, respectively? (2) Why were these caverns developed by TransGas prior to their sale? (3) Why were these caverns sold by TransGas?

Answer:

- (1) The two TransGas caverns at Landis are operational and perform natural gas storage service for TransGas. They have not been sold. In 1993, TransGas purchased five existing underground caverns at Melville previously used for liquids. Three of the caverns were converted for natural gas storage and are still in operation. The other two caverns could not be converted for use in natural gas storage and were sold to Plains Environmental.
- (2) TransGas did not develop the identified caverns at Melville. All caverns developed in Saskatchewan by TransGas continue to be operational and help provide the 30 Billion cubic feet of storage service that TransGas delivers to its customers.
- (3) TransGas has not sold any caverns at Landis. TransGas did not develop or ever use the two Melville caverns that were sold in 1997. At the time TransGas purchased the caverns, the vendor indicated their intent to sell all the caverns at once, and TransGas purchased all of them with the intent of using only three for natural gas storage. The other two caverns could not be used for natural gas storage and were sold to Plains Environmental.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Question was asked on day no. 76 and is to be answered by day no. 81:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 913:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) What amount of revenue was raised in 2004 through the scrap tire fee? (2) For what purpose is this revenue being used?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 77 and are to be answered by day no. 82:

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 914:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: When a child is placed in foster care and the Department then learns that the child has become suicidal, what steps does the Department take to ensure the child's safety?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 915:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: What are the Department of Community Resources and Employment's policies and procedures for following up on a complaint made by a child against a parent whom the child is living with?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 916:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) Is it common practice for the Department to place a child with a person who was involved in filing a complaint against the child's parent? (2) If not, what is the common practice for placing a child in foster care?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 79 and are to be answered by day no. 84:

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 917:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) Is highway 35 south of Weyburn to the US border part of the 2005 spring construction project for the Department of Highways and Transportation? (2) When will the construction be started? (3) What section of highway 35 will be included in the project? (4) What type of work will the project include? (5) What is the cost of the project?

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 918:

To the Provincial Secretary: Please identify the amount the provincial government has spent to date on: (1) Print commercials promoting the province's centennial; and (2) Radio commercials promoting the province's centennial.

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 919:

To the Minister of Health: In the 2005-06 budget, how much money is allocated for the construction of a new St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Humboldt?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 920:

To the Minister of Health: When is the construction of a new hospital in Humboldt scheduled to begin?

NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with an Order of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan dated March 16, 2005, that the time for filing Petitions for Private Bills with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly will expire on Monday, April 4, 2005, and that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to the Legislative Assembly at its present Session will expire on Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

GWENN RONYK
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
